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Greetings All!

The EPA and the ADEC have released Draft NPDES and Draft APDES General Permits for Oil and Gas Exploration (in Cook Inlet Federal and State Waters respectively) for concurrent 60 day public comment periods (March 22 thru May 21). These permits will authorize certain discharges of pollutants into Cook Inlet from oil and gas exploration facilities, subject to limits and requirements designed to minimize pollution and protect water quality.

The EPA's draft general permit, fact sheet, and Ocean Discharge Criteria Evaluation (ODCE) have been mailed to Cook Inlet tribes. They are also available on EPA's website at

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/WATER.NSF/NPDES+Permits/DraftPermitsAK>. The ADEC's draft general permit documents will be available today on ADEC's website under the Public Notices section at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wwdp/index.htm>

In response to requests at meetings in February, the EPA will offer a "Permitting 101" training webinar with a focus on oil and gas for interested representatives of Cook Inlet tribal governments Wednesday April 10. The EPA is also open to hosting additional meetings on the general permits. Please contact me, Katherine Brown at (206) 553-7263 or [brown.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:brown.katherine@epa.gov) as soon as possible if you and/or a representative of your tribe are interested in participating.

**April 10, 2013 1:00-3:00pm AK**

Call-In Number: (866) 299-3188

Conference Code: (206) 553-6524

The EPA and the ADEC will hold joint public hearings on the general permits in Kenai April 29, in Homer April 30, and in Anchorage May 2. A court reporter will record these hearings. The Anchorage hearing will have teleconferencing capability so that anyone unable to attend a hearing in person can still give oral testimony.

**April 29, 2013 6:00-9:00pm AK**

Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

11471 Kenai Spur Hwy  
Kenai, AK 99611

**April 30, 2013 6:00-9:00pm AK**

Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge  
Island & Ocean Visitor Center Auditorium  
95 Sterling Highway, Suite 1  
Homer, AK 99603

**May 2, 2013 6:00-9:00pm AK**

University of Alaska Gorsuch Commons Building  
Conference Room 106  
3700 Sharon Gagnon Lane  
Anchorage, AK 98508

**Teleconference Line:** (866) 299-3188 code (907)271-1272#

Written comments on the EPA's draft NPDES permit can be directed to Project Lead and Permit Writer Cindi Godsey at [godsey.cindi@epa.gov](mailto:godsey.cindi@epa.gov). Written comments on ADEC's draft APDES permit can be directed to Permit Writer Gerry Brown at [gerry.brown@alaska.gov](mailto:gerry.brown@alaska.gov). If you have questions relating to these permits or processes, you can contact Cindi at (907) 271-6561 or Gerry at (907) 269-4874. If you would like to request additional consultation with the EPA on this action, you can contact Dan Opalski at [opalski.dan@epa.gov](mailto:opalski.dan@epa.gov) or (206) 553-1855.

Sincerely,

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